

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COURT OF APPEALS

In the Matter of ROGER THOMAS PASCOE,
Minor.

FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

ANGELA FAITH MITCHELL,

Respondent-Appellant,

and

DUSTIN DOUGLAS PASCOE,

Respondent.

In the Matter of KAYLIN FAITH PASCOE, Minor.

FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

ANGELA FAITH MITCHELL,

Respondent-Appellant,

and

DUSTIN DOUGLAS PASCOE,

Respondent.

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Before: Griffin, P.J., and Saad and O'Connell, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

Respondent-appellant appeals as of right from the trial court order terminating her parental rights to the minor children under MCL 712A.19(b)(3)(i) and (g). We affirm.

The trial court did not clearly err in finding that the statutory grounds for termination were established by clear and convincing evidence. MCR 3.977(J); *In re Miller*, 433 Mich 331, 337; 445 NW2d 161 (1989). The evidence established that, although respondent-appellant initially made attempts to rectify the conditions that brought the children under care and to improve her parenting skills, the efforts ceased after she reunited with the children's father. Respondent-appellant discontinued counseling, following court orders, and making consistent visitations.

Further, the evidence did not show that termination of respondent-appellant's parental rights was clearly not in the children's best interests. MCL 712A.19b(5); *In re Trejo*, 462 Mich 341, 356-357; 612 NW2d 407 (2000). Although the evidence indicated the children were bonded with their mother, the bond was not a healthy one, the children had been harmed by their parents' chronic neglect, and the children were in need of immediate permanency. Thus, the trial court did not err in terminating respondent-appellant's parental rights to the children.

Affirmed.

/s/ Richard Allen Griffin
/s/ Henry William Saad
/s/ Peter D. O'Connell